

Franklin City Newsletter

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Public Notice to All Customers of the Franklin Municipal Water Utility

The Franklin Municipal Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in the present water rates.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$177,728 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 4.16% over the Water Utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for general service and public fire protection service for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 19,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$92.92 to \$93.86, or 1.0%. Various customer classes and the proposed changes are shown below:

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate
Small Residential	5/8"	10,000	\$ 61.96	\$ 61.01
Average Residential	5/8"	19,000	\$ 92.92	\$ 93.86
Large Residential	3/4"	40,000	\$ 165.16	\$ 177.51
Commercial	1"	100,000	\$ 391.91	\$ 411.40
Public Authority	1 1/2"	700,000	\$2,415.73	\$2,581.00
Industrial	1 1/2"	1,900,000	\$6,285.73	\$6,706.00

These new rates are requested to go into effect starting with the December meter reading and will be reflected on the first quarter bills of 2010. At the time of this increase, a new residential block pricing structure is being implemented to encourage residential customers to conserve water, especially during summer months. The Franklin Water Utility's last rate increase was effective July 4, 2008 due to an increase from our water supplier.

A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Hearing Room of City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the PSCW at (608) 266-3766. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, please call the Franklin Municipal Water Utility at (414) 425-7510.

Property Tax Bill Payments

Your property tax bill includes preprinted payment coupons for each of the 3 installment payments and a pre-addressed return envelope. Send in, drop off, or bring in the payment coupon with your payment (you can keep your tax bill at home) and the payment will be receipted and returned to you. If another installment is due, a return envelope will also be enclosed with your receipt.

Payment Hours: Daily payment hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For tax payment purposes, payment hours will be extended on the following dates:

Monday thru Friday, Dec. 14-18, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday thru Wednesday, Dec. 21-23, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday thru Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 31, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

The Treasury Office will be CLOSED December 24, 25, & 26, 2009 and January 1, 2010 for property tax payments.

Payment by Mail: All mail payments of Property Tax bills go directly to the bank. The bank daily deposits all checks received and sends the payment coupons to the City's Treasury Office. Staff credits the payment against your tax liability and mails a receipt to you. Please be sure to include the payment coupon and do not include other payments to the City in this same mailing.

Payment by Delivery to Drop Box: The City of Franklin has a drop box located right outside of the main entrance to City Hall. The drop box is a good alternative to standing in line to pay your taxes. The drop box is emptied periodically during the day and processed as part of that day's receipts. A tax receipt will be mailed to your property address.

Payment by Phone or Online: The City has partnered with a company that will process your tax payment through their credit card system and forward the tax payment to the City. In addition to the tax amount, they charge you, the credit card holder, a fee equal to 4.75% for phone payments (888-604-7888) or 3.5% for online payments (www.GovPayNow.com). Use Payment Location Code 5898.

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News and issues affecting our community

New retirement center gets active

Villa Maria replacement breaks ground next week

By **MARK SCHAAF**
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Franklin — The Priests of the Sacred Heart will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for its new retirement community, Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake, Monday at Villa Maria, 7330 S. Lovers Lane Road.

The Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake will be a complex for retired and active priests, as well as the general public, and will replace the Villa Maria retirement community. The land, near Whitnall

Park, overlooks the lake and sits across from the Sacred Heart School of Theology.

The building will have 165 one- and two-bedroom units, a chapel, underground parking and other amenities, including an exercise facility, a bank and a beauty shop, according to a news release.

The wing for retired priests, containing about 50 units, will be constructed first.

The rough estimate for completion of the first phase is fall 2010, though it could be later, depending on weather or other glitches that come up, said Mary Gorski, communications director for

IF YOU GO

WHAT: groundbreaking ceremony for Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Monday
WHERE: Villa Maria, 7330 S. Lovers Lane Road
CONTACT: (414) 425-7510

the Priests of Sacred Heart.

The second and third wings, for seniors 55 and older, will come next. A 10,000-square-foot central common area will connect the two sections of campus.

Officials have said construction could last as long as two years, but they are hoping for a shorter timeframe.

NEWS & NOTES

Public hearing set on Franklin water rates

Franklin — The Municipal Water Utility will hold a public hearing on proposed water rate increases at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the hearing room of City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road.

A public notice says the increase in water revenues requested is about \$177,000, which would mean a quarterly increase of about a dollar for the average resident.

For larger residential customers and commercial, public authority and industrial properties, the increase would have a bigger impact. The average quarterly water bill would go from \$165 to \$177 for larger residential customers, and \$391 to \$411 for commercial customers, according to the notice.

Oak Creek Library reopens after mechanical problems

Oak Creek — After being closed for nearly two weeks, the Oak Creek